October 9 Power to make out and deliver to the Sheriff the Executions for recovering the 15 p Cent so soon as the Act of Assembly required. Mr Gray, who will deliver you this, can inform you why the money hasn't been collected since he recd the Executions. I have received upwards of two thousand pounds. 1500 of which was paid for a Recruit, and some of the rest for removing the Arms from the lower part of the County, and sending a Deserter to Ann^s but that none of it has been applied in procuring Provision I believe a considerable part will be, as soon as the Sheriff can begin upon his Collection

October 10

[V. & P. French and Nephew, Bordeaux to Gov Lee]

Though we have not the honor of being known to your Excellency we take the freedom of addressing to you under the auspices & at the desire of our old most pticulard friend & Correspond Mr Stephen Steward, West river, relative to a bill of Exchange No 1 drawn by your State on Messrs Osgood Hanbury, Silvanus Grove & James Russell State Agents in London for. £1500 stl. Pursuant to our friend Mr Steward's directions we got it presented as quick as possible by very p'ticulard friends of ours in London Messrs French & Hobson, & wrote ourselves at same time to the above three Gentlemen who unanimously refused accepting & accordingly we now inclose you the Protest, their answer to our letters we have in Cource forwarded to his Excellency Benjⁿ Franklin Esq^r to whom we also had the honor of Corresponding on the occasion, as well as with W^m Carmichael Esq^r & the other Trustees, in short your Excellency may depend tht we spared no pains in our power in order to procure payment for said bill, as we sho'd most Certainly have had great pleasure in giving you the utmost satisfaction in the management of y' business & Convincing your Excellency the great attention we shall pay in executing my orders confided to our Care by you & the members of the State we hold ourselves p'ticularly obliged to our good friend M^r Steward for having procured an opportunity of addressing to you

October 10 Red Book No. 30

[Geo. P. Keeports, Baltimore, to Gov Lee]

May It Please Your Excelly I Received your Two Letters of the Letter 7th Instant By Capt Carlisle with £62..10. New Omission I Presented The Order you Inclosed me to Mr William Smith who Informs me he sent all the Linnen and Shirts he had purchased off for Philada By The Last Packett. He has Desired some person to Purchase Linnen for him in Virginia he says the First he Can Get he will Deliver me

Red Book No. 5 Letter

No. 87

October 10 [Geo Plater, & J. Henry Philadelphia to Hon John H. Stone Esqr. Annapolis]

> Dear Sir We had the Honor of your favour by the last post. The Act of the State of Pennsylvania for prohibiting the importation